GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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IMPORT OF RAW SUGAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether `raw sugar` is imported in the country;

(b) if so, whether `raw sugar` is free of import duty;

(c) if so, the details therof; and

(d) the quantity of raw sugar imported in India during the last three years and till date, value-wise and country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Import of sugar including raw sugar is under O.G.L., under the presentEXIM Policy, subject to registration of import contracts with the Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)Government, w.e.f. 9.2.2000 have imposed a basic custom duty of 60% and a countervailing duty of Rs.850/- per tonne, on imported sugar.

However, raw sugar imported under the Advance Licence or Duty Free ReplenishmentCertificate (DFRC) scheme for reprocessing into white sugar is exempted from import duty. This duty free import of raw sugar is strictly against the corresponding export obligation of white sugar under the Advance Licences issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

As per the latest available DGCI&S Kolkata publication on Foreign Trade Statistics ofIndia, the import of sugar and its value during the financial years 1999-2000 to 2002-2003, is as given below:-

S.No.	Financial Year	Quantity (in MTs)	Value (in Rs. Crores)
1.	1999-2000	11,81,183	1110.79
2.	2000-2001	30,404	31.11
3.	2001-2002	26,578 (P)	32.60 (P)
4.	2002-2003 (upto July, 2002)	NIL	NIL

As per the available information, M/s. Sakthi Sugars have imported a quantity of35,700 MTs of raw sugar during the month of September 2002, under the Advance Licencing Scheme,against the white sugar already exported by them, for reprocessing into white sugar. M/s. Renuka Sugars Ltd. have also imported a quantity of 11,033.8 MTs of raw sugar against their export of white sugar, for reprocessing into white sugar.

The information regarding import of raw sugar and the country of its origin is not maintained by DGCI&S Kolkata.